



UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
OFFICE OF POSTSECONDARY EDUCATION

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**SUMMARY:** Disaster areas declared for storm damage and flooding in Vermont.

Dear Guaranty Agency Director:

President Clinton recently declared *Caledonia, Franklin, Lamoille, Orleans, and Washington* counties in *Vermont* to be disaster areas because of storm damage and flooding that occurred in those counties during the period of July 15-17. The Department's interim disaster-related forbearance policies first issued on January 14, 1997 may be applied to residents of those counties.

Lenders and guaranty agencies may contact the Department's toll-free number at 1-800-433-7327, Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. EST for further updates. This letter has also been sent to each regional office of the Department, plus the National Council of Higher Education Loan Programs, Inc., the Consumer Bankers Association, and the National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Pamela A. Moran".

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